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Where's the Million
—Alladin's Lamp
Lost—Parliament to
Decide—Better Late
Than Never—Mayor
Atwater Knows.

The public is thinking about the public schools. It is time. Ten years the schools have been neglected. The mill tax for permanent improvements was taken from them years ago. Half time education is the portion of thousands of girls and boys who deserve as much of the city as the other children deserved who had a full education. Many little ones are in portable schools. Of these there are 38 "refined woodsheds." Dr. Fones calls them.

High school is run on a three-shift plan. The High schools that children used to have gave them six hours a day. The High school they have now gives them four and one half hours a day. The High school annex is overcrowded. Kossuth street grammar school shelters an East Side freshman class. Into a building with a dirty exterior 318 pupils go every day to take the first year of High school work.

People expect more of a High school. The Kossuth street structure was just as horrid to the eye when it was used for a grammar school. Now parents protest. The education fathers are using thousands of dollars that can be spared to clean off the bricks. It won't be a very good school, but it's better than portable schools and much better than no education at all. The children who were there before have gone into the Waterville school, on a two-plant system.

In September 700 more will come to High school. There's no place for them. In two years a new High school might be built, cost \$1,000,000. If somebody would find the million. There would be 2,000 children ready to enter, over and above the number now entered before the new school would be ready.

It takes money to build schools. Money comes from one of two sources, bonds or special tax. The people must borrow or pay for the school. Borrowing was a fine road to travel, once. This road had a smooth surface, easy grades and real scenery. But nobody bothered with the traffic rules. "Give her the gas and turn her loose" was the right thing to do. Roads wear out. They get rough and bumpy.

The debt road got so bad the General Assembly put a limit on its use. The five per cent limit was a perfectly good legislative permission to issue \$2,000,000 for school purposes, but it can't. The debt limit won't let it.

The debt limit is five per cent of the grand list. There's some \$400,000 available for the limit, before they get to the barrier. This all.

A new high school can be had for a million. Do the people love their schools enough to stand a special tax for a million? They must if they raise it. The debt limit won't cover a million. The care of other things that must be done. Do the people love education enough to pay a million for a new factory building, not as fine as a million dollar school, but finer than the trade school on 21 street, before the 25 portables; finer than the school where Abraham Lincoln got his education? They have money for that. Bonds enough for that.

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To solve the problem will be a joint meeting of the Board of Apportionment and Taxation, Board of Education, Board of Aldermen, Advisory Financial Committee. This little parliament will decide whether they will raise a million for new High school; or \$500,000 for emergency High school; or whether they will just do nothing and let the schools play with their toys, which will not be a very nice toy to say, for the children of this great city are not toys, but human beings, with a right to that training which will fit them to make the wonderful Bridgeport of the future.

It's very interesting. Suppose that in other parts such interests were shown. How much better off all of us would be. The debt limit for all of the schools well kept and plenty of them. Better than the present state of the people do not take interest in their own business, their business may not be well done.

Incidentally, the people have given power to the Democrats, who have promised to pay for the schools. It will take more than a hard time landslide to save them when their term comes to the streets for Mayor Atwater knows this. He says: "If the aldermen want to be pig headed about it that's their business. Home rule is a good thing, but it's not a magic wand. Better listen to the mayor. He gives good advice."

John McCormack To Take Rest At Noroton Home

In a telegram received by one of John McCormack's many Bridgeport friends, this morning, Mr. McCormack, the great tenor's concert manager, announced that Mr. McCormack is greatly improved and expressed great hopes for his early recovery. The night was passed very comfortably by the tenor and all fears have been dispelled by the optimistic turn in his illness. The balance of the season has been cancelled but Mr. McCormack's proposed trip to Europe has not been postponed. According to Mr. McCormack the famous soloist will spend a few weeks in rest and quiet at his beautiful home at "Locklea," at Noroton.

GRASS FIRES: NO DAMAGE.

The fire department answered two small alarms this morning, the first at Boston and the second at the corner of Putnam and Noble avenues, where another grass fire was in progress. The grass was scorched before any serious damage had been done.

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SCHOOL BOARD PAYS DENTISTS

Wagner, Shot At Schwaben Hall, Not Expected To Live

Description Of Gunmen Sent To Other Cities

Arthur Cummings and Joe Porter, who terrorized a crowd at Schwaben Hall Sought by Officers—Farfel Questioned by Police, But Denies Any Knowledge of Shooting.

Police today were busy tracing clues that they believe will lead to the arrest of the two young men who last night mortally wounded Peter Wagner of 101 Parallel street by shooting him in the abdomen. At press hour Wagner's condition was announced as critical by the attendants at St. Vincent's hospital and but little hope is held out for his recovery.

He was sinking rapidly and according to the reports had lapsed into unconsciousness. In the meantime the local police department has sent descriptions of the gunmen broadcast and arrests are expected to be made soon.

According to a report made at Police headquarters today, Arthur Cummings and Joe Porter, who are being sought as the gunmen who shot Wagner, are believed to have been in the city for some time. Cummings is alleged to have been in the city for some time. Cummings is alleged to have been in the city for some time. Cummings is alleged to have been in the city for some time.

The incident occurred closed both Porter and Cummings are then alleged to have left the hall and Gregory in company with Wagner. Porter is alleged to have followed them. After they had gone a distance estimated at 20 feet, both Cummings and Porter are alleged to have turned and fired at Wagner and Gregory. Both bullets hit Wagner, one entering the abdomen and the other the body and out the other side. The other bullet entered the fleshy part of the body just below the waist.

Both Porter and Cummings are then alleged to have separated and were running down Main street and the other down Main street. Wagner in the meantime was picked up by friends and rushed to the emergency hospital. The police were immediately notified and although every avenue in the city was being actively closed, the gunmen succeeded in eluding capture.

Trains Watched Closely. Soon after the police were notified that a man had been seen acting suspiciously at the railroad station and the man fitted in practically every detail of the description of the man sought by police in connection with the shooting. A squad of police was immediately detailed to the Railroad station and upon their arrival they noticed a man jump over a picket fence on the left side of the station and disappear in the darkness. "Red" Farfel who is alleged to know both of the alleged gunmen was questioned this morning by the police and he stated that he furnished the police with whatever information he has concerning their appearance and their activities. He has been able to locate them.

Worked in Tea Store. According to Farfel, Cummings has been in the city for some time and has been employed in the Van Dyke tea store on Main street. Porter is alleged to have been in the city Wednesday, and a call to the Stratford brought forth the information this noon that Cummings had registered at that hotel on Wednesday and stayed there that night. Porter has never been seen at the hotel since early last evening.

Antonio Aurilio is also reputed to be a friend of both men. He is alleged to have been in the city for some time and has been employed in the Van Dyke tea store on Main street. Porter is alleged to have been in the city Wednesday, and a call to the Stratford brought forth the information this noon that Cummings had registered at that hotel on Wednesday and stayed there that night. Porter has never been seen at the hotel since early last evening.

Exact Cause Of Fire At Atlantic Hotel Not Yet Fully Determined

Creeping up through air shafts, dumb waiters, and abandoned elevators in a wing of the Atlantic hotel not yet touched by the plans for refurbishing, fire discovered at 12:15 this morning did damage that is estimated at \$20,000; furnished thrills for a huge crowd when heroic rescues were staged; and gave the firemen the greatest night battle they have had in years.

Starting from a cause, not yet definitely established, but believed to have been because of carelessness upon the part of some of those employed in the remodeling, flames first noticed by a bell boy in the second story in what was formerly a spirited and elegant restaurant, spread rapidly upward to the top floor of the old building. Parts of the entire north wing were in flames when the firemen arrived, and guests, employees and those associated with the management are loud in their praise today of the way the flames were checked. The main part of the structure, and that recently furnished in a high class manner, is undamaged and doing business as usual today.

According to an approximate estimate issued to the press today by officials of the Atlantic hotel, the loss by last night's fire is probably run close to \$20,000. The main floor of the building was not touched by the fire at all, but the damage from water which flowed freely from the three floors above was considerable. The second floor of the building, formerly used as a dining room, was completely destroyed by fire and water. The hallways of the third and fourth floors were also damaged considerably. The loss, however, is fully covered by insurance.

At an early hour this morning Chief Johnson stated that he had not yet determined the cause of the fire but believed it to have been caused by spontaneous combustion, flames first appearing on the second floor directly over the engine room. This room is used as a storeroom, and at the time of the fire had stored therein many of the old mattresses, pillows, etc., that had been discarded when the place was recently taken over by a New York firm and completely remodeled.

The fire was first discovered by a bell boy at 12:15. Upon responding to an alarm, Chief Johnson, after a hasty examination, immediately sent in additional alarm bells, and every piece of fire apparatus in the city to the fire, or to a downtown station.

At the time the fire was first discovered, however, it was trapped by the flames and smoke and it was necessary to raise a ladder to the fourth story to rescue him. This was done under the direction of Captain Johnson. The men were loudly applauded by the immense throng that had witnessed their heroic act.

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Paid For First Time By Funds Of School Dept.

Payroll Approved, by City Auditor Keating—Fund of \$32,500 for Dental Clinic Remains Suspended Until Court Makes Decision.

The dental hygienists in the public school system were paid yesterday, for the first time, from public school funds, out of the general appropriation for salaries of teachers. The payrolls were approved by City Auditor Keating, as usual. The checks drawn to the order of the 23 girls and the two dentists, were issued in the usual manner and cashed in the usual way.

It had been overlooked that the Board of Education employs regular teachers, special teachers and substitute teachers, and that the staff for dental hygiene had, in accordance with custom, been enrolled as special teachers and certified accordingly.

This permits the fund of \$32,500, for dental clinics, to remain in suspense until the court decides which board is entitled to draw on it.

Under Fones' Direction. The payment of the three girls employed on parochial school work will mature tomorrow at 11 o'clock. Dr. A. C. Fones said today: "The girls have done their work as usual, under my direction. I assume that I am in charge of the work, since I have not been informed of my removal. I have made requisition to Miss Barry of the Health Board, in the usual way. She had returned the requisition, with the statement that it should go to the board. I am sending it today."

"It will appear tomorrow, when these girls ask for their salaries, whether or not the Board of Health is sincere when it says that it wants dental hygiene in the parochial schools, and wants me to supervise that work in the parochial schools."

Town's Agents Not In Control

Hartford, April 14—Town school boards and committees are responsible for the state and not the agents of towns which elected them, according to Commissioner of Education A. C. Fones, who was informed at a meeting of school committees in the Capitol last night.

According to the commissioner, town boards of education have the right to review appropriations by town committees, not to restrict them.

"Towns may control school boards as far as the state permit them," said the commissioner.

Mysterious Murder In Haverstraw

Haverstraw, N. Y., April 14—A party of boys, searching for rare wild flowers in high places in the mountains, today discovered the nude body of a woman on the wooded summit of Cheese Coat mountain, revealing a murder mystery that baffles Rockland county authorities.

No trace of clothing could be found nearby. For several yards trees had been "blown" by the slayer marking a trail to the place where the body had been concealed. Its evident intention was to return and remove the body to the place where it was hidden.

Coroner Stahlman, notified by telephone by the boys, hurried to the scene. He estimated that death had been caused by a heavy blow to the left side of the head by a lead pipe or heavy club, eight or nine months ago. The victim was about 5 feet 6 inches tall and had brown bobbed hair. Identification probably will be impossible.

Vandal's Case Continued, Held For Observation

Arrested yesterday after he is alleged to have thrown a large rock through a window in the home of Major Pennington, Black Rock and then to have entered the home and attempted to destroy the furniture, the case of the vandal, who was held in the city jail, will be continued for one week at the request of the Detective department for further investigation.

Bonds in the case were fixed at \$500 and during the week he will be confined to his home for observation. Dr. Stevens as to his sanity.

Youthful Swindler Held In \$1,000 Bonds; Prominent Men Victimized By Schemes

Arraigned in the City court this morning upon a charge of obtaining goods under false pretenses, "John Smith" who claims that he hails from Boston, has his case continued until one week from Saturday for further investigation. Bonds in the case were set at \$1,000.

Smith was taken into custody last evening after a complaint had been made at police headquarters by Dr. William McLaughlin, a prominent local dentist, that he had reasons to believe that some unknown person was using his name to obtain merchandise through the mail without his consent.

"Smith," according to police, acts more or less as though he was mentally unbalanced, and is pictured by Captain Regan of the Detective department as one of the slickest criminals the force has had to deal with. Although a mere youth, being but 20 years old, he is reputed to have the thinking powers of a man much older. He is possessed of a keen intellect as shown when he was taken into custody and asked for a statement. He refused to make a statement, saying that he would talk only at the request of his attorney.

Prominent Men Victims. Besides the name of Dr. McLaughlin, Smith used the name of three other prominent Bridgeporters as far as the police could learn today. Smith has been reported to have come about the city for some time posing as Dr. Thomas W. Gibbs, a prominent local doctor here, as the result of a letter Dr. Gibbs in the City court this morning Smith seemed surprised to find that the man he had been impersonating was not of the same color as himself.

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No Intervention, London's Policy On New Eastside Riots In Belfast District

London, April 14—British officials are watching the Irish situation closely, but declared today that the government would not intervene in the threat of Easter violence, which may lead to civil war.

Belfast Shootings. Belfast, April 14—A stormy Easter-tide in Belfast is predicted by those who have watched the sequence of disorders in the city since the Easter attack on a patrol of special constables in Joy street last night.

The members of the patrol were attacked by a mob of about 100 men when a burst of heavy firing from windows and roofs wounded four of the officers. The scene of the attack was in the Sinn Fein section of the city.

Further shootings, although not believed to have been reprisals occurred today at the termination of the curfew period. All took place in Crumlin Road, two miles from the center of last night's affair.

The first victim was a Protestant baker named Carmichael, who was assassinated while returning from work. The second was a Catholic cleaner, Catholic, who was shot and is reported dying in the hospital, and the third a baker named Sloan, Protestant, who died in the street after being shot.

Two hundred and fifty men of the insurgent section of the Irish Republican army under the direction of the newly formed Republican army executive or army council seized at midnight the Four Courts building in Dublin, which was the seat of the Irish courts was the seat of the national courts of justice. It is announced in Dublin dispatches.

Poor Fritz Is Always Hatless

Just because Fritz Tamm of Watling River, L. I., couldn't get a train from East Haddam, Conn., direct to his home town and wife, who was waiting for him there, and decided to stop off in Bridgeport yesterday, Fritz was one of the unfortunate victims of the fire at the Atlantic Hotel last night.

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Villa Going Into Politics

San Antonio, April 14—It is rumored in Torreon, Coahuila that Francisco Villa will be a candidate for governor of Durango for the coming year, according to word received here today.

Georgians Jailed For Negro Killing

Americus, Ga., April 14—Billy Deane, Henry Harvey, and Henry Lewis Fulford, while residents of Schley county, were sentenced yesterday to serve from one to ten years on the chain gang for their part in the lynching of Willie Jones, a negro, near Ellaville, several weeks ago. The men were convicted on a joint trial on the charge of shooting at another man. The jury recommended imprisonment, but this recommendation was disregarded by Judge Littlejohn, before whom the men were tried.

WEATHER:

For Connecticut: Cloudy and unsettled tonight and Saturday, probably occasional showers, no change in temperature; moderate north shifting to east winds.
Conditions favor for this vicinity unsettled weather with local showers.

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